
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6500

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PUBLICATION OF ADVERTISEMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTS THAT DEPICT A MINOR.

SUMMARY:

This bill expands the crime of commercial exploitation of a minor to include knowingly (1) publishing, disseminating, or displaying any advertisement for a commercial sex act that includes a depiction of a minor, or (2) causing such publication, dissemination, or display directly or indirectly. This crime already punishes knowingly buying space to advertise for a commercial sex act that depicts a minor.

The bill extends the provisions on defenses to this crime to the new conduct covered by the bill as follows:

1. It is not a defense to prosecution that the accused (a) did not know the depicted person's age or (b) relied on his or her apparent age or on oral or written, non-governmental representations of such; and
2. It is a defense if a person made a reasonable, bona fide attempt to ascertain the depicted person's age by requiring him or her to produce a government-issued identity card and keeping and producing a copy.

By law, commercial sexual exploitation of a minor is a class C felony punishable by one to 10 years in prison, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Children Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/12/2013)

